

## **REMARKS**

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of July 7, 2004. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

### **The Office Action**

The Disclosure stands objected to for an inconsistency.

**Claims 1-6, 9-11, 13, and 14** stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kameyama (U.S. Patent No. 6,616,480).

**Claim 17** stands rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Snyder et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,046,966).

### **The Disclosure**

Applicants point out that the rubber seal **15** is part of the connector body **14**. Reference numeral **15** points to the rubber seal, which includes the threaded portion of the connector body **14** and the passages **20**.

### **The Claims of the Present Application Distinguish Over the Cited References**

**Claim 1** has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of **claim 7**. **Claim 7** has been canceled.

**Claim 8**, which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter has been rewritten into independent form.

**Claim 9** has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of **claim 15**. **Claim 15** has been canceled.

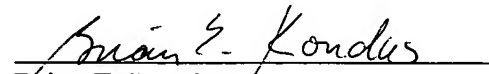
**Claim 16**, which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter has been rewritten into independent form.

**CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. Early notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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